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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In the Application of: )  
 ) Atty. Docket No. 00-1278  
Lawton *et al.* )  
 ) Art Unit: 1645  
Serial No.: 09/765,739 )  
 ) Examiner: V. Ford  
Filed: January 18, 2001 )  
 ) Conf. No.: 9509

For: Compositions and Methods for Detection of *Ehrlichia canis* and *Ehrlichia chaffeensis* Antibodies

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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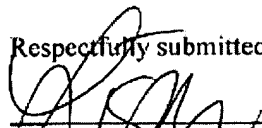
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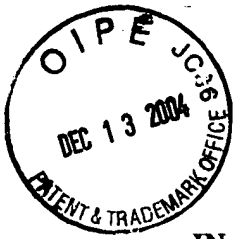
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Respectfully submitted,



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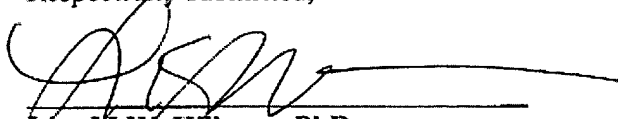
Dear Sir:

An Appeal Brief was filed in the above-mentioned application on July 23, 2004. In the Appeal Brief Appellants stated that they were not aware of any related appeals or interferences concerning this application. Related Appeal Briefs have now been filed in U.S. Application 10/054,647 and U.S. Application 10/054,352 on October 21, 2004. Both of these applications are divisional applications of the above-mentioned application. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing; however if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

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